



**Ankit Varma** is a Senior Manager working at Valuation Support Partners Ltd. in Markham. His area of expertise includes assisting owner managed to large corporations with their Valuation and Transaction Advisory issues.

Ankit is a CPA, CA from CPA Canada, has completed CBV Level 2 from CICBV, is a Fellow Chartered Accountant from The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), holds a Diploma in International Financial Reporting from ACCA (UK) and a Post Graduate Diploma in Financial Management from Annamalai University. He also holds an Honours degree from the University of Delhi where he specialized in Business and Finance.

Ankit came to Toronto in 2017, cleared his CPA, CA in 2018 and is currently pursuing his CBV. He joined the Toronto Chapter of ICAI in November 2017 and has been an active participant in the Chapter's events and guiding newcomers in Canada.

Ankit has previously worked at Grant Thornton, Ernst and Young, and Valueonshore Advisors. He has extensive experience of over 11 years which includes Business Valuation for emerging to large corporations across key sectors like Manufacturing, Pharmaceuticals, Services, Retail, Energy, Real Estate, IT, FinTech, Media, and Entertainment.

Ankit stays with his spouse in North York and is happy to meet and guide newcomers to Canada.



**Iti Patel** works as a Senior Financial Reporting Analyst at RBC Royal Bank where she leads in preparation of financial statements, coordination of audit, and other reporting tasks for Investment Funds. Iti successfully completed her Canadian CPA in 2018.

She is an Indian Chartered Accountant, B.Com., and MBA (Finance). She acquired over 10 years of experience in external auditing and financial reporting with PwC and other reputable CPA and CA firms in Canada and India.

She came to Canada in 2014 and currently resides in Brampton with her husband and 2 year old daughter. She joined the Toronto Chapter of ICAI in September 2014 and is currently volunteering as a Portfolio Team member in the Treasury team.

When she isn't glued to a computer screen or busy running after a toddler, she enjoys playing table tennis and bowling.



A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step, it's only the first step that is difficult and the rest follows. **Shaija Thayil** moved to Toronto in November 2017 with her 3 year old son, leaving behind her tenure of 8 years with Tata Consultancy Services and JP Morgan Chase as a Financial Controller and Business Finance Manager.

Starting over can be challenging, but also it can turn out to be a great opportunity to do things differently and that's what she learned when she moved here and bagged her first job with McCann Worldgroup (Advertising Agency) as Reporting and Compliance Manager and by the end of 2018, she successfully cleared CPA in the first attempt.

She joined the Toronto Chapter of ICAI in April 2018. Life is about accepting the challenges along the way, choosing to keep moving forward, and savoring the journey.



**Hemali Vakil** works with Molson Coors in the Reporting & Consolidation Team as a Senior Financial Analyst. Her past experience includes working with KPMG, Terago, and Chemtrade in Canada.

She moved to Canada in 2013 and has lived in Vancouver and Saskatoon before settling in Toronto with her husband Karan Ashani. She joined the Toronto Chapter of ICAI in April 2017.

She took up the CFE challenge in 2018 and is always ready to share tips with the CFE writers to help in their journey to get the CPA designation.



**Kienzle Mody** is an Accounting Manager with Eaton Electrical Canada for their Milton Plant, largest plant in Canada. Her area of expertise includes Financial Reporting, Costing, Risk Management and FP&A.

Kienzle is a CPA, CA from CPA Canada passed in September 2018 and Chartered Accountant from ICAI India, passed in May 2004, both passed in 1st attempt. She is a 2003 Commerce Graduate from Mumbai University.

Kienzle started with ICICI Bank, Mumbai in 2004 in Fraud and Forensic Team and moved on to FP&A in Kuwait (KIMMCO by Alghanim Ind.). She moved back to India in 2010 as Head-Risk with a Cash Management Company in Mumbai before joining Grant Thornton India in their Risk Management Services at Bangalore.

Post that, in 2015, she started as Finance Business Partner, Global costing lead for Schneider Electric in Bangalore and continued with Schneider Electric Canada from August 2017 to March 2019.

Kienzle moved to Mississauga in August 2017 with her family of 1.5-year-old twin boys and husband. She appeared for CFE in September 2018 and prepared for it with her responsibility of full-time job, managing a family, house hunting etc.

She joined the portfolio team of Toronto Chapter of ICAI in July 2019 and has been associated with a not-for-profit organization as Treasurer in Scarborough. Amongst all this, she loves to help and mentor accounting professionals in their journey from CA to CPA.